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Maintainers with the 40th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron at a forward operating location repair the flap of a B-1 in the rain May 7. Recent storms caused some aircraft to divert to alternate landing locations.

Riding out the storm

Storm causes longest B-1 combat mission in history

By Capt. David May 40th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

ASIA-PACIFIC -- A 40th Air Expeditionary Group aircrew from Dyess flying from an unidentified location in the Asia-Pacific region in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, completed the longest-ever B-1 combat mission May 4.

The grueling mission lasted 23 hours and began May 3 when a 9th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron B-1 Afghanistan where it was assigned returned." escort duty for an Army convoy just south of Kabul.

After the convoy made it safely to its destination, the crew was authorized to return to base, but ended up being diverted hundreds of miles to an alternate location due to a large storm moving into the area.

"It was a little windy (and) a little rainy before we left," said Maj. Mark Bennett, the aircraft commander. "But nothing indicated what the

launched on a patrol over weather would be like when we

This was Major Bennett's 17th combat mission.

Capt. Mark Johnson was the copilot of the crew and Capt. Matthew Farley and Matthew Clapp were the weapons systems officers.

As they were returning at about three hours out, Major Bennett called in to check the weather conditions and found out about the impending

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Dyess security adds new bluesuiters

By Senior Airman Matthew Rosine Dyess Public Affairs

Dyess increased its security addition of new civilian augmentees.

Armed from Worldwide Security

here," said Todd Hurd, Bolling Air Force Base, D.C.; Worldwide Security Services transition team lead. "We are

very proud to be able to uphold this part of the contract."

The Air Force awarded Worldwide Security Services Ltd., a \$23 million contract presence Tuesday with the April 26 to supply armed security guard services to augment entry control at eleven Air security guards Force bases nationwide.

The contract calls for armed Services began augmenting security guards to support base security forces following installation entry control and a recent contract negotiation. vehicle inspections. Security "We are very proud to be work will be performed at



Airman 1st Class Robert Morris

Security enforcement officer, Jim Traynham, See Guard, Page 5 directs traffic at the front gate Tuesday.

Staff Sgt. Alan Sacks

Dyess mourns loss of Airman

By 1st Lt. **Jennifer Donovan** Dyess Public Affairs

The body of a B-1 defensive systems avionics tech-Maintenance Aircraft Squadron was found by workers at 7:10 a.m. Saturday.

had disappeared while swimming at the Elm Creek Reservoir outside of

Winters, Texas, May 9. "We would like to offer our condolences to the family and friends of Sergeant Sacks," said Col. Jonathan George, 7th Bomb Wing "Sergeant commander. Sacks was a caring person and a great Airman and his loss will be felt throughout Dyess Air Force Base."

The Runnels County Sheriff Department, the Winters Fire Department and various volunteers, including many friends of Sergeant Sacks, had been searching from sunrise to sunset everyday since his disappearance. The Salvation Army and the American Red Cross assisted and brought meals for the searchers.

A memorial service for Sergeant Sacks was held Tuesday.

"Any time we lose a

Sacks has a great reputation as is evidenced by the huge community of friends and co-workers who came out to show their love and admiration of Alan during nician assigned to the 7th the search and at the memorial service."

Sergeant Sacks was born Winters Fire Department Nov. 6, 1979 in Vancouver, Wash. He graduated from James Madison High Staff Sgt. Alan Sacks, 24, School in San Antonio in May 1998 and entered the Air Force Nov. 24, 1998.

> After completing basic military training, attended the electronic principals technical school at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas followed by his B-1 familiarization course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. Sergeant Sacks awards and decorations include: the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Air Force Achievement Medal and an Air Force

Outstanding Unit Award. Sergeant Sacks also earned his Community College of the Air Force degree in avionics systems technology on March 1,

Sergeant Sacks is survived by his daughter, Alanna Sacks; father, Mike Sacks; mother, Karen Howard; step-father, William Howard; sisters, Lea Barrett and Sara Sacks; step-sister, Syndi teammate it hurts," said Howard and step-brother, Colonel George. "Sergeant Scott Howard.

7th Medical Group laboratory receives accreditation

By Senior Airman Matthew Rosine Dyess Public Affairs

The 7th Medical Group's clinical laboraaccreditation by the Commission on Laboratory Accreditation of the College of American Pathologists.

The accrediation was based on the results of a recent on-site inspection.

more than 6,000 CAP accredited laboratories nationwide.

During the process, inspectors examine tory service was recently awarded an the laboratory's records as well as quality control of procedures for the preceding two years. CAP inspectors also examine the entire staff's qualifications, the laboratory's equipment, facilities, safety program and records, as well as the overall management

The 7th MDG laboratory is one of the of the laboratory. This inspection program is designed to ensure the highest standard of care for the lab's patients.

The College of American Pathologists is a medical society serving nearly 16,000 physician members and the laboratory community throughout the world. It is the world's largest association composed exclusively of pathologists and is widely considered the leader in laboratory quality assurance.

Lt. Col. Linnes Chester, 7th Medical Support Squadron commander, was pleased with the results.

"The very successful outcome of the CAP inspection is not surprising," said Colonel Chester. "(Our lab management and their) talented staff have always set high standards and exceeded them. The entire medical group takes pride in their achieve-

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HOURS

By Master Sgt. Thomas Ewing, 7th Security Forces and Col. William Foote, 7th Mission Support Group commander

Over the past few months, the 7th Security Forces Squadron has issued a number of citations to drivers with expired driver's licenses and to drivers who do not have or cannot provide proof of auto insurance. While this increase is a result of increased random vehicle searches, the unfortunate consequences have been the suspension and revocation of driving privileges. However, these types of problems can be easily avoided if individuals would take the time to ensure they are driving legally.

In many instances, the solution would have been as simple as renewing a driver's license or checking with the state's motor vehicle department to see if a driver's license would be valid if it expired while the driver was out

of state serving in the military. In the case of military, a number of states continue to honor a member's driver's license even though it's expired -- but it is the member's responsibility to know what each state requires. In the case of spouses or immediate family members of driving age, only a few states offer this option -- once again it is the responsibility of the individual to check with their state. An easy way to check is the Internet, since most states have a Department of Motor Vehicles Web site. For those who do not possess insurance or are without a valid insurance card, it is highly recommended you obtain one or both as soon as possible. Understand that every time any law enforcement officer stops a vehicle and driver, they check registration, driver's license and proof of insurance. If you are stopped on any Air Force base, Air Force instructions are clear; if you are without the basic items that allow

you to legally operate a motor vehicle, you will probably lose your base driving privileges.

In calendar year 2003, 128 licenses were suspended or revoked for various reasons on Dyess. Those individuals who were cited for driving without insurance or a valid driver's license could have saved themselves and the Air Force a lot of time and effort by just applying a dose of common sense. So do yourself a favor and check to see that you have those documents and items needed to legally operate a motor vehicle and do it about once every three months. This will ensure that you catch expiration dates on driver's licenses, vehicle registrations and proof of insurance documents. It is an individual responsibility that could mean the difference between driving and walking to work. Off base, it could save you a hefty fine and a less-than-pleasant court appearance. So drive

COACH'S CORNER

We're 23 days away from our Operational Readiness Inspection and there are three major aspects we need to keep in mind so that we can slam dunk this inspection.

- Attitude is everything. Remain enthusiastic and cheerful. Things may not be going the way we planned, but don't let inconveniences translate to grumpiness or spitefulness. The inspection team will be watching everything we do and bad attitudes will not help us get the job done.
- Don't get discouraged by petty problems. Getting hundreds of people processed is rigorous and there may be issues here and there, but do what it takes to make it work.
- Be prepared for the ORI. Last time it seemed like we were surprised when the team came. Double-check and triple-check your records to make sure nothing is missing. Look through your mobility bag. Have you had a fit test for you gas mask? Do you have everything from the checklist in your personal bag? Check and see and make sure you are prepared.

Just remember, keep a winning and can do attitude and we will defeat this inspection with "zero defects!"

23 days left until the ORI Are you ready?

Get busy leading or go find a corner to cry

By Maj. Patrick McEvoy 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron commander

We read many articles on leadership and all of us have our own role models in our lives, great men and women who define leadership. But what about all the people we come in



contact with that we dismiss as having no leadership traits?

Airmen you work with everyday; Airmen who, if you had to pick one to go down a dark alley back to back to fight whatever came at you, you could say, "this would be the guy I would want watching my back."

What happened to these Airmen with no separated from the military, but they had a

leadership? Did they not go through the same professional military education as me? Did I watch Audie Murphy in "To Hell and Back" more than they did? Maybe we can blame it on the parents.

Whatever the root cause, we come across people every day who couldn't lead a Girl Scout troop down a one-way alley.

This might be the most politically-incorrect article you have read on leadership this year but hopefully no matter what side of the fence you are on it will cause you to take action.

John Wayne said, "I've always followed my father's advice. He told me first, to always keep my word and, second, to never insult anybody unintentionally. If I insult you, you can be sure I intend to. And, third, he told me not to go around looking for trouble."

Well, this is me intending to ruffle the feathers of some people.

For those Airmen who are not leaders, and you probably know who you are, get in the game. Being a leader does not mean you got the bullet in your performance report, "My number 1."

I have come across many leaders in my life who failed out of college, or even got

certain trait about them that made straight-A students want to fail out, just to be associated with them.

Sometimes, the people spending all their time to get the "number 1" bullet on their performance report do so at the expense of other people.

The Duke said, "I have tried to live my life so that my family would love me and my friends respect me. The others can do whatever they please."

Normally, there is no need to add anything on to a quote from the Duke, but I will allow myself some leeway and add to that statement.

When you walked by that Airman at the gate did you see to it that he or she had enough water?

Before asking your Airmen to work a weekend shift, were you there with them?

Did you get a medal and not take the time out to write a medal on the Airmen whose sweat and blood made it possible for you to get your medal?

Do you possess the job knowledge to be called on as the subject matter expert or do you just go through the day accepting the status quo and the fact that you will never be called on to lead anything?

it's tougher when you're stupid."

The Air Force does not need 300,000 followers. The Iraqi army had that.

We need 300,000 leaders, men and women, who come to work everyday and give it their all and make a difference in their job and the lives of our peers. I never put much stock in people who say, "too many chiefs and not enough Indians can be a bad mix." That is the saying of a conquered people or person and I have never heard a leader utter those words.

In the Air Force, you hear aviators telling one another they would be proud to have them as their wingman.

The security forces tell each other, "you can be my fire team leader."

With the guys I grew up with, there was no bigger compliment than telling your bud, "If I have to go down an alley in East St. Louis, I want you to watch my back."

These sayings are only uttered to Airmen who have stood up to make a difference and who have displayed leadership.

There are probably a thousand other sayings out there that convey the same thing and you know them when you hear them. But ask yourself this: when is the John Wayne also said, "Life is tough, but last time someone said that about you?

Mentoring no longer a luxury; it's a necessity

By Maj. William Walker

317th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander

When I started my Air Force journey as a young officer coming up in the aircraft maintenance complex, the predominant mentoring philosophy appeared to be "sink or swim." It truly appeared that "trial by fire" was the way deputy commanders for maintenance "separated the chaff from the wheat" among their young officers.

But that was a long time ago, and today's world and today's Air Force are vastly different.

In those days, we had

time, people, facilities and money. In an environment like that, the easiest way for supervisors to "mentor" was to allow folks to learn from failure. The best learned lessons were the hardest learned lessons. The "school of hard knocks" was very effective but certainly not very efficient.

It was two years before I received my first bit of overt mentoring from my DCM. I had just been put in charge of my first aircraft maintenance unit and was sitting at the big table at my first DCM Stand Up. How exciting -- or so I

Let me just say that I was not able to provide my DCM with the information he needed. Here's where the mentoring occurred.

The colonel fixed his grizzled eye on me (he only had one) and said, "Don't ever come to my meeting unprepared

Suffice it to say that I have never forgotten that lesson.

I laugh now, but can you imagine successfully pressing on as an officer for two years without truly understanding the full import and meaning of that simple statement. That lesson was very effective, but not very efficient.

Most of my early lessons were gained not from overt mentoring but from something more akin to reverse engineering.

I spent tremendous amounts of time observing superiors, peers and subordinates. I spent even more time and energy trying, failing, thinking and finally figuring things out.

Now fast forward to today's world and today's Air Force. We are fully engaged in the global war on terrorism and must deal with the tremendous operations tempo that follows. Manpower is at a premium, budgets are tight, and so on and so forth.

The Air Force no longer has the time to waste on the school of hard knocks. If you want your unit to be capable of taking care of the nation's business, you must actively mentor your people. You must find a way to efficiently teach them the important lessons that they need to know in order to take care of business.

For more than a year, our airlift group was continuously engaged in Operation Enduring Freedom, supporting up to three deployed locations simultaneously.

Simply put, much of what we did at home station was to ensure aircrew, aircraft and maintainers were ready to go back to the area of responsibility.

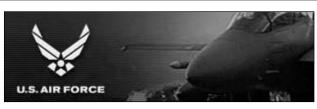
I had a different lead production superintendent every three to four months to run our flight line.

Of necessity, I spent hours daily ensuring that the current lead "pro super" had the benefit of previously learned lessons. Our operational challenges were constantly evolving and he did not have a moment to spare reinventing the wheel, learning by trial and error or learning from the school of hard knocks.

That was an extreme time and an extreme example. But I hope that it has made it clear to you that active mentoring is no longer a luxury, but an absolute necessity in today's Air Force.



The Air Force announced in 1992 that it would keep the Tactical Air Command emblem and change the scroll to read AIR COMBAT COMMAND. The shield's upper field of ultramarine blue symbolizes the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Blue also symbolizes sincerity and justice. The lower field of red represents embattled ground forces, as well as courage, strength, valor and patriotism. Both fields are protected by gold wings, symbolic of aerial supremacy gained through unblemished personal combat, depicted by a silver sword. The gold color symbolizes the sun and the excellence required of Air Force people. It also represents intellect, honor and loyalty. The silver is symbolic of truth.



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BASH Brothers Group birdstrike prevention team works against unique challenges

By Staff Sgt. Zachary Wilson 40th AEG Public Affairs

A flock of birds settle near the end of the runway as a B-1 is prepared to take off, when they are suddenly startled by a large and powerful "boom" from a nearby cannon. The birds fearfully disperse, allowing the bomber to take off and provide combat support to units engaged in the theater.

The boom from the propane-powered cannons have become a constant reminder to the men and women who serve in this forward operating location of how serious the Air Force and Navy takes the threat of possible bird strikes.

On Sept. 22, 1995, two-dozen Airmen from the 962nd Airborne Air Control Squadron at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, took off in an E-3B "Sentry," with the call sign of Yukla 27. Halfway down the runway, flames shot out of the left engine followed by a shower of sparks. Yukla 27 took off, banked left and then began a horrifying dive. The \$270 million aircraft and its 24 crewmembers disappeared in the dense woods just beyond the runway. A huge fireball erupted skyward, as the aircraft, loaded with 125,000 pounds of jet fuel, slammed into the earth.

Yukla 27's tragic end stunned the Elmendorf and Anchorage communities, as did the cause of the crash -- a flock of Canadian geese.

"When the accident happened, the Air Force was given a serious wake-up call to the hazards bird strikes present," said Capt. Brian Oswalt, 40th Air Expeditionary Group chief of safety and head of the Group's Bird Air Crash Hazard program. "A bird strike poses as critical a threat as there can be to an aircraft and crew."

Group safety NCO-in-charge, Senior Master Sgt. Joe Kern agreed.

"When a bird gets sucked up into the engine of a B-1, that engine is toast. Right there, a million dollars down the tube. That's a Class-A mishap."



Senior Master Sgt. Joe Kern, 40th AEG safety office NCO in-charge, adjusts the settings on one of the propane-powered cannons by the airfields. The cannons are just one of the measures the Bird Air Crash Hazard team uses to combat the threat of bird strikes.

And that's assuming the best-case scenario where the crew is able to land the plane safely, Sergeant Kern said.

"I know of plenty of guys who have hit a bird and never even knew about it until the maintainers pulled the remains of the bird out of the engine," said Captain Oswalt. "They were lucky in these instances, but given a different set of circumstances, they might not be as lucky."

Six bird strikes have been recorded by the 40th AEG since March, though none so far have been serious. But people can never be too aware, Captain Oswalt said.

"You can go a whole year without getting one strike," he said. "But then as soon as you grow complacent, you can have a

tragic accident similar to the one at Elmendorf."

While keeping bird activity down is difficult, it is even more complicated for the BASH team.

"We face some pretty serious challenges working here," Captain Oswalt said. "The fact that we are able to accomplish our mission is a testament to how hard our guys work on this program."

The team, made up of Air Force and Navy safety offices and the Navy environmental office, often faces strict environmental concerns. Also, all but one of the native birds are protected by the host government which, with the lack of natural predators and the fact there is no place

else for the birds to go, makes the job that much tougher, Sergeant Kern said.

"On any given day when we go out there, there are as many as 40 birds on the flightline," said Sergeant Kern. "That's unheard of (in most airfields)."

Captain Oswalt agreed.

"We are in a unique position because this location is a bird sanctuary," he said. "Most other bases only have to deal with birds until they migrate, but our bird population doesn't migrate -- they are here 365 days a year."

To combat the problem, the BASH team uses a variety of techniques ranging from using screamers (a sort of noisy firework), lights, loud noises and sometimes elimination. Besides maintaining a continuous presence on the flightline, the team also goes to work before every take-off and landing to make sure it is safe for aircrews.

"A lot of people think we just go around and shoot birds out there, but we actually don't do that as much," said Sergeant Kern. "We are only permitted to shoot one type of bird because it is not native here, but most of the time they see us come up and they fly away pretty fast."

The type of bird the BASH team is permitted to eliminate is the Cattle Egret. The one-pound bird is native to other areas nearby, and was first introduced in the 1950s. It is also the cause of most of the concern for the BASH team.

"The Cattle Egret is harder to deal with than the other birds because they are more attracted to the conditions on the flightline than the others," Captain Oswalt said. "Nine times out of ten when we find evidence of a bird strike to an engine, it was an Egret."

Despite the efforts, the team admits that they can never make the area 100 percent safe for aircraft.

"No matter what we do, Mother Nature has her own agenda," Captain Oswalt said. "We just try to do the best we can."

(Airman magazine contributed to this story.)

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Storm

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"Conditions were rapidly degrading," he said. "At that point, we knew we had to get back as quickly as we could before the severe weather hit."

Captain Farley was the offensive systems officer for the mission and could only see through the side window of B-1 from his position behind the pilot. During the mission, his third in actual combat, he had used his radar to constantly map and monitor the ground in case they needed to destroy any threats to the convoy.

"The radar looked really bad for weather," he said, although admitting that it's typically not used for looking at storms. "We were zig-zagging left and right to pick the best path through the storm."

As they got closer, because of the weight of the aircraft and runway conditions, the crew had to either commit themselves to the landing or make the decision to divert elsewhere. They kept contact with the base and the choice became a "rolling decision," said Major Bennett.

Back at the base, another decision had to be madewhether or not to launch a tanker to possibly refuel the B-1 if conditions worsened, thereby giving up another air-

"We launched it with the intention that it would almost

certainly be diverted as well," said Col. Jeff Beene, 40th AEG commander, who made the decision. "With the severe crosswinds, the tanker gave us much better options for getting the B-1 to a suitable location."

After the tanker was up, this was a tremendous boost to the crew.

"When they told us 'we've got a tanker for you,' that definitely made a difference," said Captain Johnson, who was on his 8th combat mission.

As the B-1 approached, the weather continued to worsen. From about 75 miles out, conditions were "pretty dicey," said Major Bennett. "You don't have time to worry. You're just concentrating on flying the best approach possible while at the same time working out your other options if needed."

With just 10 miles to go and approaching at more than 150 miles per hour, the aircraft suddenly received the call to divert. However, this did not mean a sigh of relief.

"Until we had the gas and were on the way, I was still a little concerned," said Captain Farley. "There are a lot of things that still have to go right."

After successfully refueling, the B-1 made straight for the alternate location, which was hundreds of miles away. At this point, the crew had already been in the air more than 18 hours.

"Normally, most people have a habit or routine going into (extremely long missions)," said Captain Clapp. "But

we were expecting a (normal length mission)."

With all that was going on, Captain Clapp said he found it easy to stay alert. He was the only member of the crew to have flown longer missions during previous (non-combat) flights. This was his 18th combat mission.

"No matter how tired everybody got, we were always going back to basics," said Captain Johnson.

After finally landing at the new location, the crew headed for their bunks. They had all been up between 36 and 38 hours, including the mission brief, flight and maintenance.

"I've never been up that long before," Captain Johnson said. "That was the longest day of my life."

DEPLOYMENT CORNER

Twenty-three days remain until the Air Combat Command's inspector general team visits Dyess to conduct an Operational Readiness Inspection.

Here is a key fact about personnel deployment functions to inform those who might not normally be familiar with the procedure.

◆ Family Readiness Briefings are considered "current" for 12 months.

(Courtesy of the 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron.)

Are you ready?

Estate notice

Anyone with claims against the estate of Staff Sgt. Alan Sacks should call 1st Lt. Glenn Caron at 829-9773.

Guard

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Andrews Air Force Base, Md.; Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.; Lackland Air Force Base, Texas; Hill Air Force Base, Utah; Whiteman Air Base, Force Mo.; Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.; Nellis Air Base, Force Nev.; Elmendorf Air Force Base, Ala. and Eielson Air Force Base, Ala. as well as Dyess. The award is a one year contract.

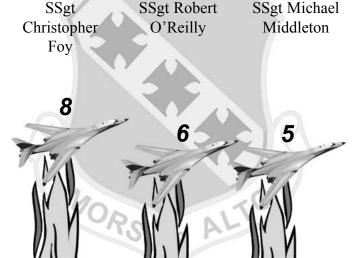
"As limited military resources are being focused

on fighting the global war terrorism, highly trained and trusted private security personnel are being called upon to augment security support services," said McDonald, WSS president. "We are proud to have been selected by the Air Force to join them in protecting their homeland assets, personnel and families."

Worldwide Security Services, Ltd. was established in 1992. Worldwide Security Services is headquartered in Fairfax, Va.

(Steve Raquel tributed to this story.)

The Race is on Most On-Time Takeoffs as of Tuesday



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TEAM DYESS

Warrior of the Week

Master Sgt. Scott Serrault

Unit: 7th Maintenance Group

Job description: Weapons Academics Instructor

Job impact on the mission: I'm responsible for insuring all aircraft armament systems personnel in weapons loading and in the 7th Munitions Squadron armament flight complete weapons academics training before performing their mission for the wing.

Time in the Air Force: Twenty-four years

Time at Dyess: Eighteen years

Family: Wife, Janice; Son, Randy; Daughter, Victoria.

Hometown: Denver

Career goal: To earn my Community College of the Air Force degree and sew on senior master sergeant.

Most rewarding job aspect: To teach our new weapons airmen their job and how they can affect the present and future weapons system capabilities of the B-1.

Favorite thing about Dyess: The community. The people of Abilene are so friendly and supportive that they would give the shirt off their back if it was needed to help their military troops

Favorite thing about the Air Force: The hundreds of close friendships it enabled me to develop over the years and all the awesome places it took me while supporting the mission. **Favorite Air Force memory:** While stationed at Kunsan Air Base, Korea, my commander informed me I was in violation of Air Force Instruction 36-2903. He then handed me a set of technical sergeant stripes and said I earned them under the Stripes for Exceptional Performers program.

Editor's note: The Dyess Warrior of the Week is selected by unit squadron commanders, first sergeants or supervisors on a rotating squadron basis.



Airman Rob Morris

2004 Big Country Appreciation Day map

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- 9 a.m. Opening ceremony begins
- 9:10 a.m. Oath of enlistment
- 9:20 a.m. B-1 bomber close air 9:12 Wings of Blue mass exit
 - support demo
- 9:30 a.m. T-6 fly-by
- 9:50 a.m. F-117 fly-by 9:40 a.m. T-28 demo
- 10 a.m. C-130 demo
- 10:45 a.m. Jet truck demo
 - 11 a.m. A-26 demo
- 11:30 a.m. MiG-17 demo 11:15 a.m. B-25 demo
- 11:45 a.m. MiG-21 demo 12:10 p.m. SB2C demo
 - 12:40 p.m. B-52 fly-by 12:25 p.m. L-6 demo
- 12:45 p.m. Piper Cub demo
 - 1:20 p.m. BT-13 demo 1 p.m. P-39 demo
- 1:30 p.m. Staudacher S-300 demo
 - 1:43 p.m. Jet truck versus
- Staudacher S-300 in an air vs. land high-speed challenge
- 1:50 p.m. Wings of Blue demo • 2:10 p.m. Tuskegee T-6 demo • 2:20 p.m. T-6 Texan II demo
- 2:40 p.m. T-6 and Texan II heritage fly-by
 - 2:45 p.m. Tora! Tora! Tora!
- 3:25 p.m. P-51 and Zero dogfight • 3:40 p.m. B-1 bomber demo
- 4:05 p.m. P-51 and F-16 heritage
- 4:10 Viper East: F-16 demo team

Ground events

- The Smokin' Guns Car show
- Tae Kwon Do demonstrations
 - Security forces working dogs Airshow schedule subject to demonstrations

change at any time.

Community briefs

Rockin' in the Park

Dyess is hosting the 4th annual "Rockin' in the Park" event from 6-11 p.m. today at the base parade grounds.

The free festivities are open to all military and civilian employees and their families.

The event features live music from local bands as well as free food. The meal is free, while supplies last, with a ticket.

For tickets or for more information, contact your unit first sergeant.

Space-A flights

The following flights are available on a spaceavailable basis:

- 8 a.m. Tuesday to Ft. Polk, La.
- 8 a.m. May 29 to Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. The flight returns June 30.

All flights are subject to change or cancellation without prior notice.

Show time for flights is two hours prior to the scheduled take-off time. All travelers must show their military ID card plus one additional form of identification. Active-duty travelers must possess valid leave orders.

For all flights scheduled during non-duty hours, travelers must notify the PAX terminal to ensure it will be open.

For more information, call 696-4505.

AAC meeting

The next Airman Advisory Council meeting is at 3 p.m. Wednesday in the enlisted club meeting room at The Hangar Center. The AAC is dedicated to improving the quality of life for all Dyess Airmen through providing feedback to base leadership about important issues important to the Airman on Dyess AFB. The council is an organization for Airmen, run by Airmen. For more information, call Airman 1st Class Rachel Trevino at 696-1407.

Skills Development Center

Entries for the Annual Air Force Photography Contest are due June 7.

For more information on this and other activities at the skills development center, call 696-4175.

June Wrestling Pay Per View

The Hangar Center is broadcasting World Wrestling Entertainment's "Bad Blood," at 7 p.m., June 13. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the cost is \$5 per person. Featured matches include Chris Benoit vs. Kane for the World Heavyweight Championship and Shawn Michaels vs. Triple H in a Hell In A Cell match. For more information, contact Willie Cooper at 696-4305.

National Hamburger Month

In recognition of May as National Hamburger Month, The Heritage Club will have a two-for-one hamburger plate lunch special every Monday this month.

Dyess Thrift Shop

The Dyess Thrift Shop is now accepting spring and summer items for consignment. Store hours are Tuesday and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the first Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Consignment hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. For more information, call 696-8203.

Outdoor recreation

- ◆ Outdoor recreation has a dunking booth
- available for rent. The cost is \$50 per day. ◆ Family and individual seasonal base pool
- passes are available. The cost is \$50 per family pass and \$25 per individual pass. The base pools are scheduled to open May 29.
- ◆ Reservations are currently being taken for squadron and private pool parties. Dates are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis.
- ◆ The paintball field can be reserved for unit stress buster challenges. The field is available Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays noon to

For more information on these and other activities at outdoor recreation, call 696-2402.

Information tickets and travel

- ◆ The Information Tickets and Travel office has tickets available for the Scarborough Renaissance Festival. The festival is currently underway and runs through May 31.
- ◆ The ITT office also has Texas Rangers baseball tickets available as well as special rates for Carnival Cruises. Dates, ports and costs vary for each travel package.

For more information on these and other activities available through ITT, call 696-5207.

Auto Skills Center

- ◆ Receive 10 percent off all parts and labor on repairs to brake systems in May.
- ◆ Car detailing service is available. Call to schedule an appointment.
- ◆ Auto skills offers state inspections for all vehicles.

For more information on these and other activities at the auto skills center, call 696-4179.

Lifestyles



Zoo-lute

Col. Jonathan George, 7th Bomb Wing commander, is given the key to the Abilene Zoo during the Dyess Zoo-lute Saturday by Patty McMahan, Abilene Zoo board president. The Zoo-lute is an annual event showing the community's appreciation for the men, women and families of Dyess.

The Dyess Theater is located next to the main exchange. Patrons must have a valid identification card and may sponsor guests.

Admission for adults is \$2, children 6-12 years old are 99 cents, and children ages 6 and younger are admitted free. G-rated movies are 99 cents for kids ages 2-12.

For more information, call 696-4320.

Friday, 8 p.m

The Whole Ten Yards --Bruce Willis, Matthew Perry

Tulip" Tudeski and dentist forced to sell. The animals Oz reteam in this sequel. All is swell until Lazlo Gogolak, the younger brother of the first film's villainous Yanni, arrives seeking revenge. After he kidnaps Oz's wife, Oz must convince the domesticated Jimmy to revert to his madman tactics and help save the day.

Rated PG-13 (sexual content, some violence and language)

Saturday, 2 p.m.

Home on the Range --Cuba Gooding Jr., Randy Quaid -- A group of cows learn that their owner must pay a \$1,000 mortgage on Hitman Jimmy "The the farm or she will be

band together with the lady's horse to come up with the money.

PG (brief mild rude humor)

Saturday, 7 p.m.

The Alamo -- Dennis Quaid, Billy Bob Thornton --In 1836, a small company of less than 300 American men defended the fort in San Antonio, Texas, from the powerful Mexican Army, led by General Santa Ana.

PG-13 (sustained intense *battle sequences)*

Sunday, 2 p.m. Home on the Range

Coming

♦ May 28, 7 p.m. --**Walking Tall**

♦ May 29, 2 p.m. --Hellboy

◆ May 29, 7 p.m. --The Girl Next Door ♦ May 30, 2 p.m. --

Hellboy ♦ June 4, 7 p.m. --

Connie and Carla ♦ June 5, 2 p.m. --**Johnson Family**

Vacation ▶ June 5, 7 p.m. --The Punisher

♦ June 6, 2 p.m. --**Johnson Family** Vacation

6. Acronym for time to separa-

7. State home to Dover AFB

8. New Hampshire AFS (pt.1)

Nevada

9. Wicker twig

10. Thorny flower

11. Towel marker

17. Summation

18. Marmalade

23. Contest

24. Frilly fabrics

29. Summer drink

40. California AFS

36. Public TV network

41. Part 2 of 8 DOWN

44. Fashion magazine

45. Kitchen extension

mode

43. Extracted by a solvent

50. NFL Hall of Famer Ronnie

57. Before, in olden days

60. Tail marking for 388th

25. Third eye?

28. Rodents

30. Scarce

37. Compute

39. Pie

46. Poets

49. Smidgen

54. Hole-in-one

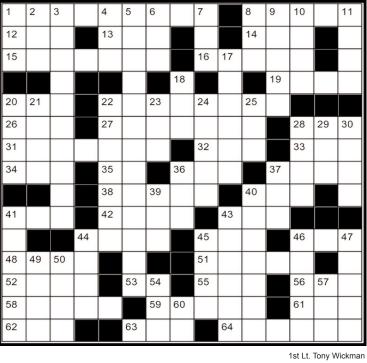
47. Sing

20. Lincoln and Vigoda

22. Massachusetts AFS

Run

21. 1999 movie Run



Little-known USAF places **ACROSS**

- 1. Florida AS 8. ACC location in Canada
- (pt.1)
- 12. '70s spoon-bender Geller 13. Picnic crasher
- 14. Military ed. office person (abbrev.)
- 15. Internal organs
- 16. Sprinter Carl 19. Snakelike fishes
- 20. USAF enlisted PME
- 22. North Dakota air station 26. Constrictor
- 27. Beasts
- 28. Damage
- 31. Circle
- 32. Police officer

- 33. Actress Lupino
- 34. Actor Elliot
- 35. VCR setting
- 36. "Round in a square hole"
- 37. Computer maker
- 38. Crustaceans
- 40. Lyrical poem
- 41. Prohibit 42. Mineral and baby
- 43. Terminate
- 44. '30s actress Oliver
- 45. Inventor Whitney 46. Part 2 of 8 ACROSS
- 48. Window edge
- 51. Base in Bosnia-
- Herzegovina
- 52. Utensil 53. Tail marking for 149th FW
- 55. Lubbock school (abbrev.)
- 56. Primary color
- 58. Aquatic mammal
- 59. Jowl 61. Rapper Dr.
- insurrection 63. Giants great Ott

62. Turner who led slave

- 64. Person in distress? **DOWN**
- 1. Driving crime 2. Pot
- 3. USAF location in Alaska
- 4. Distant 5. USAF auxiliary field in



Catholic: Reconciliation starts at 4:15 p.m. Saturday followed by Mass at 5 p.m. Sunday Mass is 9 a.m. Sunday School is 11 a.m at Dyess Elementary School. Daily Mass is at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday through Friday.

Protestant: Sunday School begins at 9:15 a.m. at Dyess Elementary School. Shared faith worship begins 11 a.m. Sunday, Gospel service starts 1 p.m. Sunday, Sunday Night Worship Service is back from 4 to 7 p.m. A nursery and children's church are available at all services.

Jewish: For information about the times and places of Jewish services, call Capt. Matt Paskin at 829-6149. For more information, call the chapel at 696-4224.



Dyess Chapel



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CALENDAR



Today, May 21, 2004

Land and sea lunch buffet, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Heritage Club.

Friday night social hour, 5 p.m. at The Heritage Club and The Hangar Center. For more information, call 696-2405.

Rockin in the Park, 6-11 p.m. at the parade grounds. For more information, call 696-2936.

Saturday, May 22, 2004

Big Country Appreciation Day Airshow, gates open at 8 a.m. For more information, call 696-2862. **Thunder Alley,** 8 p.m. at Dyess Lanes. For more information, call 696-4166.

Late Night, 11 p.m. at The Hangar Center. For more information, call 696-4311.

Sunday, May 23, 2004

Sunday brunch, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at The Heritage Club. For more information, call 696-2405.

Monday, May 24, 2004

Mexican lunch buffet, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Heritage Club.

National Hamburger Month, every Monday is twofor-one hamburger plate lunch special at The Heritage Club. For more information, call 696-2405.

Tuesday, May 25, 2004

Fried chicken lunch buffet, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Heritage Club.

Dyess Toastmasters Club meets at 11:45 a.m. every Tuesday at The Hangar Center.

Family/Teen Karaoke Night, 6 p.m. at the community center. For more information, call 696-4305.

Kickboxing/Sparring classes, 4:30-5:30 p.m. at the fitness center. For more information, call 696-4306.

Wednesday, May 26, 2004

Barbecue lunch buffet, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Heritage Club.

Airman Advisory Council meeting, 3 p.m. in the enlisted club meeting room at The Hangar Center.

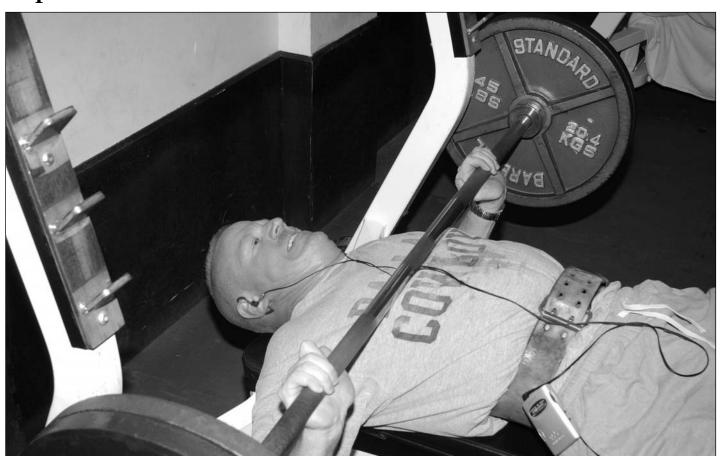
Thursday, May 27, 2004

Asian lunch buffet, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Heritage

Music Thursday, every Thursday after 5 p.m. at Dvess Lanes. For more information, call 696-4166. Margarita nights, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at The Hangar Center.

Community

Caption Contest



This week's photo (No. 11)

The rules:

- 1. Write a creative, printable caption for the above photo.
- 2. Email your entry by close of business Monday to peacemaker@dyess.af.mil. Entries are limited to three per photo.
- 3. Entries must include the photo number and your name with your duty phone number.
- 4. Contest winners announced weekly.
- 5. All entries become the property of The Peacemaker.

"Max was nervous about buying his first car, but the salesman was very polite and informative. He even threw in a free belly The winner of the caption contest for the May 14 issue of The Peacemaker is Patrick Clancy, 317th Operations Support Squadron

> The runner ups are: "Look, man, I ain't sniffing that thing... I've got a date with a poodle tonight!."

Capt. Paul Fontaine, 317th Operations Support Squadron

"Max found himself thinking back fondly of his days in police work, yet eager to excel in his new career in vehicle maintenance."

Patrick Clancy, 317th Operations Support

ROSS ANSWERS



Crossword answers from Page 9

May is high blood pressure education month

May is National High Blood mon condition.

affects one in every four American adults. And although it has no signs or symptoms, uncontrolled high blood pressure can lead to heart disease, stroke and kidney disease, the first, third and ninth leading causes of death in the United States.

The good news is that high blood pressure can be prevented and controlled. You can prevent or control high blood pressure by maintaining a healthy weight following a healthy eating plan, eating less salt and sodium, limiting your alcohol consumption and being physically

Let's talk about physical activity. Pressure Education Month -- a good It is one of the most important leaves time to check out what your blood things you can do to prevent or conpressure numbers are, what they trol high blood pressure. Just 30 mean, and what you need to do to minutes of moderate physical activprevent or control this all too comity most days of the week will help. High blood pressure currently into shorter periods of at least 15 minutes each.

> gym to get those 30 minutes. You can work them into your everyday activities.

> practical. Park your car a little farther from where you're going than usual. If you take public transportation, get off a stop early and walk the rest of the way.

Here are some activities that will provide you with moderate exercise:

- ◆ Walking (at 3-4 miles an hour)
- ◆ Cleaning house

- ◆ Mowing the lawn or raking
- ◆ Bicycling (at a moderate speed of 10 miles per hour or less)
- **♦** Dancing

Most people don't need to see a You can even divide the 30 minutes doctor before they start a moderatelevel activity but if you have heart trouble or have had a heart attack, Plus, you don't have to go to a if you are older and are not used to doing a moderate-level activity, if you have a family history of heart disease at an early age or if you For example, take stairs instead have any other serious health probof an elevator or escalator when it's lem, check it out with your doctor first.

> For more information about how to prevent or control high blood pressure, visit the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute's Web site at www.nhlbi.nih.gov/hbp/ index.html.

> (Courtesy of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.)

Sports Shorts

Base boxing team

A petition is currently being circulated to gauge interest in forming a base boxing team. For more information call Senior Airman Karsten Ferguson at 696-4685.

Soccer coaches meet

The soccer coaches meeting is at 3 p.m. June 3 at The Hangar Center. For more information, call Staff. Sgt. David Paquin at 696-4025.

Fitness Center

- ♦ Intramural Letters of Intent for soccer are due Monday.
- ◆ Massages are available at the health and wellness center. There are four choices of massages offered: full body (one hour) for \$35, 30 minutes for \$17.50, 15 minutes for \$12 and chair massage \$25 for 20 minutes. Purchase massages at the HAWC desk and bring the receipt to the appointment. For an appointment, call 672-6565.
- ◆ Kuk Sool Won classes are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The cost is \$35 a month. Family rates are
- ◆ The football and soccer field is closed until June 1 for improvements. Use of the field is unauthorized during the construction period.

For more information on these and other happenings at the fitness center, call 696-4306.

Outdoor Recreation

- ◆ The paintball field can be reserved for unit stress buster challenges. The field is available from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Saturday and Sunday reservations must be made before 5 p.m. the preceding Friday and must be a group of 10 or more. Call 696-2402 for reser-
- ◆ Outdoor recreation has paintball guns for sale. Customers can see the current selection or place a special order.

For more information on these and other happenings at Outdoor Recreation, call 696-2402.

Mesquite Grove

- ◆ Every Friday Night is the Mesquite Grove "Shoot Out." Entry fee is \$15 for cart, green fees and prize fund. The format is two-person, alternate shot. At every hole, one of the teams will be eliminated until there is only one team left.
- ◆ The Mesquite Grove Golf Course "Energy Conservation Tournament" is Wednesday. Cost is \$15 per person to enter and play. The entry fee includes a sack lunch at tee off, green fees, cart and a hamburger after the tournament. Format is a four-person scramble. Registration deadline is Monday.
 - ◆ Putters on the Run offers

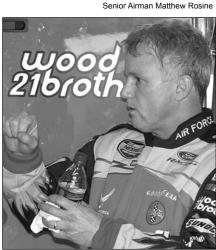
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Need for speed

Above: Tech. Sgt. Jason Hummel, 7th Component Maintenance Squadron and his 3-year-old son, Jacob Hummel, check out the Air Force sponsored National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing vehicle. The Air Force NASCAR will be one of many ground displays available for visitors to see during Dyess' Big **Country Appreciation Day Airshow Saturday.**

Right: NASCAR driver Ricky Rudd currently pilots the Wood Brothers' number 21 stock car sponsored by the Air Force.



Four Falcons claim championship titles

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. -- Four members of the Air Force Academy's track and field program claimed conference titles May 14 and 15 at the 2004 Outdoor Championships in Las

For the third consecutive year, the men earned a third-place finish with 161.5 points, while the women finished seventh with 50 points. Three of the event winners were repeat champions.

Senior Ben Payne claimed his third straight 10,000-meter (6.21mile) run title, crossing the finish line in a conference championship record time of 30 minutes, 1.96 seconds. Payne became the first Falcon to win three consecutive conference titles in the same event.

It is Payne's fourth career conference title, as he also won the 5,000-meter (3.1-mile) run title during the 2002 indoor season.

Sean Temple led a trio of senior Falcons to a sweep in the 110meter (120-yard) hurdles.

earned the second 110-meter hurdles title of his career.

Mountain West Conference championship, as he won the event, as Banks took second with 110-meter hurdles title in 2002 a mark of 23-3 1/2. and the 60-meter (65.62-vard) hurdles title during the indoor seasons of 2003 and 2004.

Jim Campbell and Luke Marker finished second and third, wrapping up the Air Force sweep. Campbell clocked a time of 14.33, while Marker was right on his heels at 14.35.

It is the second time this year the three Falcons teamed up to sweep a conference championship event. Temple, Marker and Campbell swept the top three spots in the 60-meter hurdles at the 2004 indoor championships.

This also marks the third straight year a member of the Air Force team has picked up the 110-meter hurdles conference

With a distance of 23 feet, 5 1/2

inches, senior Anthony Park won Posting a time of 14.21, Temple his second conference outdoor long-jump championship.

Park and Chris Banks teamed It is Temple's fourth conference up for a one-two finish in the

Besides claiming the long jump title in 2001, Parks has also claimed two triple jump titles over his career -- 2001 outdoor and 2004 indoor.

Sophomore Dana Pounds became the second female Falcon to earn an outdoor conference title, when she posted a distance of 165-2 in the javelin. Dominating the event by nearly 20 feet, Pounds was one of three Falcons to finish within the top

Junior Lacy DeWall finished second with a distance of 148-3, while freshman Caitie Holliday took fourth with a mark of 137-5.

Several other Falcons finished within the top five of their events.

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Standings -

Bowling

National (Week 31)

Win-Loss Team 7 MOS 174-74 155-93 **Beer Time** 7 MSS 139-109 7 AMXS #2 137-111 7 EMS 136-112 7 SVS/CC 133-115 **317 AMXS** 122-126 7 SVS 119-129 7 MDG 116-132 Fire Wire 72-176 Team High Scratch Game: 7

MOS, 954 Team High Scratch Series: 7

MOS, 2618 Individual High Scratch Game: Terry Kraly, 243; Nancy Gordon,

Individual High Series Scratch: Lance Piggott, 680; Michelle Fricker, 555



Golf

American (Current as of May 10) Win-Loss Team 7 SFS 6-0 7 LRS 6-0 7 MDG 0-0 7 OSS 0-0 7 MOS 0-0 **7 BW** 0 - 67 CMC "C"

National (Current as of May 10) Team Win-Loss 7 CES 6-0 7 AMXS 4-2 7 COMM 0-0 7 CMS "B' 0-0 7 CMS "A" 0 - 07 EMS 0-0 **317 AMXS** 0-0 7 SVS 2-4 **317 AMXS**

Volleyball

American (Current as of May 10) Win-Loss 7 AMXS 6-0 7 EMS 4-2 7 CES 4-2 OPS #2 3-3 7 MDG 3-3 Shirts 3-3 7 LRS #2 1-5 **317 AMXS** 0-6

National (Current as of May 10) Team Win-Loss 7 SFS 5-1 7 LRS #1 5-1 317 AG 4-2 7 OSS 3-3 7 COMM 1-2 7 CMS 2-4 **OPS #1** 0-3 436 TS 0-3

Sports Shorts

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delivery service on selected menu items from 5-9 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays. The last delivery call must be made 30 minutes prior to closing. Orders of \$7 or more receive free delivery.

Orders less than \$7 will have an additional 50-cent charge. Wings have also been added to the menu.

- ◆ The Mesquite Grove Golf Course now has an all new Curbside Café "Canos Cacina" that will stop at work areas. Call for details.
- ◆ The golf course hosts a clinic for ages 6 through 17 from 4-4:45 p.m. every Tuesday. Sign ups can be completed at the golf course or at the youth program center.

For more information on these and other happenings at the The Mesquite Grove Golf Course, call 696-4384.

Dyess Lanes

◆ On their birthday, kids can get one game, shoe rental and a meal for \$3.50.

- ◆ Signups are now being taken for the following summer leagues: Tuesday Night, Wednesday Night Ball and Friday Night Fun.
- ◆ Bowl three games for the price of two during the Tuesday night special.
- ◆ Games are 50 cents after 5 p.m. during Music Thursday Rock While You Roll.
- ◆ Sundays are Family Days at Dyess Lanes. Games are \$1 all day.
- ◆ Thunder Alley is every Saturday from 8 p.m. until closing. The cost is \$8 per person or \$2 per game including shoes. No one younger than 13 is allowed unless accompanied by an adult.

For more information on these and other happenings at Dyess Lanes, call 696-4166.

Air Force One Source

Air Force One Source offers articles that can help Dyess people stay fit and healthy, including a safety checkup for your strength-training routine. Topics include aerobic exercise, sports supplements, yoga for athletes and managing stress. Logon to Air Force One Source at www.airforceonesource.com (user ID: airforce; password: ready) or call 1-800-707-5784.

Falcons

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They were led by junior Paul Gensic, who finished second in the pole vault, with a career-best height of 17-9 1/4.

Two other Falcons finished within the top five, as Makisi Haleck finished third at 16-5 1/2.

Sophomore Jason Jones took fifth, after clearing 15-7 3/4.

Sophomore Kory Pearson picked up second-place honors in the 400-meter (437-yard) hurdles with an NCAA qualifying time of 51.78.

Park and Banks finished second and third in the triple jump with respective marks of 50 and 49-7 3/4.

Payne ended his conference career with a second-place finish in the 5,000-meter run, behind a time of 14:26.02, while Chris Acs finished fifth in the event, with a time of 14:33.32.

Two Falcon freshmen earned top-five honors in the men's javelin throw.

Brandon Murphy placed third with a

distance of 200-4 -- just one foot shy of second place -- while Marcus Wells finished fourth with a mark of 198.

Freshman Abe Wengel finished fifth in the men's 3,000-meter (1.86 mile) steeple-chase with a time of 9:20.07.

Olivia Korte took the same spot in the women's discus, throwing a mark of 157-1.

Sophomore Troy Jensen placed fifth in the 400-meter dash, with a season-best time of 47.94.

Junior Nathan Franz took fifth in the 1,500-meter (0.93-mile) run, crossing the finish line in a time of 3:51.25.

Senior Jason McNeal finished fifth in the hammer throw with an NCAA qualifying mark of 192-7.

Both of the Falcon relay teams posted fifth-place finishes as well.

Marker, Temple, Jensen and senior Nick Bromberek clocked a season-best time of 41.43 in the 4x100-meter relay, while Jensen, Campbell, Temple and Pearson recorded a time of 3:15.96 in the 4x400-meter relay.